

# Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM

## Banks.

**THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED £1,186,000

**BANKERS:**  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

**INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS** at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

**ON FIXED DEPOSITS:**  
For 12 Months 5 per cent.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 3 " 3 " "

**JOHN THURBURN,**  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**  
Authorised Capital £1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital £500,000

**HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.**

**Court of Directors:**  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kih Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Sutherland, Esq. Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

**Branches:**—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

**BANKERS:**  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.  
Parsons Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

**THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.**  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.15.0

**BANKERS:**  
CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

**HEAD OFFICE:**  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

**BRANCHES:**  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

**AGENCIES:**  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF INTEREST.**  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.  
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

**CHANTREY INCHBALD,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [21]

## Intimations.

**NOTICE.**  
**THE JELEBU MINING AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held on SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1894, at NOON, at the Exchange Rooms, for the purpose of passing the following Special Resolution:

1.—That the following Articles be added to the Articles of Association and be numbered 45A.

**REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.**  
"The Company may from time to time by special resolution reduce its Capital by paying off Capital."

2.—That Article 86 of the Articles of Association be altered by the omission of the words "and figures of £5 each."

If the aforesaid resolutions be passed by the said Meeting, a Second Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on SATURDAY, the 24th March, at NOON, at the same place, for the purpose of confirming the said resolutions.

Forms of proxy can be obtained from the General Agents at Singapore and from the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China in Hongkong.

Holders of Share Warrants require to obtain admission-tickets from the General Agents in accordance with the conditions, printed on the back of the Share Warrant, which tickets must be applied for not later than the 7th March at NOON for the first, and not later than the 21st March at NOON for the second meeting.

**HUTTENBACH BROTHERS & Co.,**  
General Agents.  
Singapore, 13th February, 1894. [278]

**HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE.**  
**THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**, advertised for THURSDAY, 8th instant, is POSTPONED until THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at NOON.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be CLOSED until 17th instant.

By Order of the Board,  
**R. LYALL,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [317]

**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Frya Central, on SATURDAY, 17th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to 17th March, both days inclusive.

**THEW & Co.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1894. [294]

**THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE TENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, Frya Central, on SATURDAY, 17th March, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

**THE TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to 17th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,  
**WM. MACBEAN,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1894. [310]

**HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1894, at 2.45 P.M.

**COMPETITION NEW SHORT RANGE CUP AND SPOONS.** Ranges 200, 300 and 600 yards; Shots 5 at each distance. Entrance fee 30 cents.

Subscription to Cup \$1 each.

Scores made with the Martini-Henry Rifle count for the "MARTINI" CUP.

March 17th,  
LONG RANGE CUP, 800 and 900 yards.  
**ARTHUR CHAPMAN,**  
Honorary Secretary.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1894. [46]

**NOTICE.**  
**THE Undersecretary** having been appointed Agent for the **KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ,**

are prepared to grant through Bills of Lading to Ports of Java, Sumatra (East and West Coast) Celebes, Timor, Sunda Islands, Dutch New Guinea, &c., &c. Bills of Lading for through Cargo from these Ports to be presented to the Undersecretary for countersignature.

**LAUTS, WEGENER & Co.,**  
Hongkong, 25th November, 1893. [1289]

**NGAI SHANG,**  
20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

**RATTAN FURNITURE** of Every Description.  
**CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.**  
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

**Also**  
Rattan Cots, 30th Ramen, Canton Road and Services of all kinds.  
Singapore, 25th November, 1893. [1289]

## Intimations.

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL.**

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL**—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

**THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH** conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. **THE TABLE D'HOTE**, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being under experienced supervision.

**THE BED-ROOMS**, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

**THE READING, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS** (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

**THE WINES & SPIRITS** are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. **HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS** of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

**NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN** are continually on duty.

**R. TUCKER,**  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [229]

**DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.**

**ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,**  
69, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.  
SHIPS' STORES.  
WINES, SPIRITS, STOUT, ALE, LIQUEURS.  
TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND CREAM" WHISKY.  
NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
ADET SEWARD & Co.'s BORDEAUX WINES.  
SACCORIS SHERRIES.  
HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s AND JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKIES.  
COATES' PLYMOUTH GIN.  
HOBOKEN DE BIE & Co.'s HOLLANDS.  
VERMOUTH, RUM, GINGER WINE, CHERRY BRANDY.  
CIGARS and TOBACCOS.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.**  
Hongkong, 26th February, 1894. [30]

**CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.**

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—"CENTRAL," SHANGHAI.

**THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel**, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

**COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.**  
**SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.**  
An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

**F. E. REILLY,**  
PROPRIETOR.  
736

**KELLY & WALSH, LD.**

NOW READY,  
TUESDAY, 6TH MARCH.

PRICE ONE DOLLAR.

DOLLAR AND STERLING  
**EXCHANGE TABLES**

FROM 1s. 9d. to 1s. 11d.

FORMING A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGE TABLES.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1894. [16]

**W. BREWER.**

HAS JUST RECEIVED

**THE ART OF DRAWN WORK.**  
Practical Engineer's Pocket Diary, 1894.  
Our Ocean Railways.  
Churchill's Men, Mines & Animals, South Africa.  
An Indian Eye on English Life.  
Hunting American Big Game.  
Pilot's Arctic Ocean to Yellow Sea.  
Round the Works of Our Great Railways.  
The Heavenly Twins.  
Montezuma's Daughter, by Rider Haggard.  
Engineering Drawing and Design.

**ENGINEERS' ALMANACKS, 1894.**  
Ainsley's Nautical Almanack, 1894.  
Cheap Commercial Envelopes, \$1.75 & \$2.1000.  
Cheap Stationery for private use.  
Caw's Stylographic Pens.  
Caw's Fountain Pens.  
Berliner's—Halm's—Rever's.  
Best and Cheap quality Squares & Playing Cards.  
New Exchange Tables 2/6 to 3/6.  
Chrysiographs for Window Decoration.

**W. BREWER**  
UNDER HONGKONG BANK,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1894. [40]

## Intimations.

**BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE following notice** has been issued to SHAREHOLDERS and HOLDERS of SHARES whose transfers have not been registered, and who are requested to send same in at once for registration along with application for Scrip in the New Company:—

**THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

1, DUNDRELL STREET, Hongkong, 13th February, 1894.

SIR,—At the General Meetings of THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, in Liquidation, held on the 6th and 22nd days of January, 1894, the following Special Resolutions were duly passed and confirmed respectively:—

1.—That the Liquidator do, and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell and transfer the whole of the Company's business and property to a New Company, to be incorporated with limited liability under the "Companies' Ordinances, 1865 to 1891" and to be named the "NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED," with a Capital of \$150,000, divided into 50,000 Shares of \$3 each, with the usual power to increase and reduce the same.

2.—That the draft Contract for sale submitted to this Meeting, and expressed to be made between this Company and its Liquidator of the one part, and the New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, of the other part, and the same is hereby approved, and that the said Liquidator do, and he is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 149 of the "Companies' Ordinance, 1865," to enter into a Contract for the sale and transfer of this Company's business and property to the said new Company (when incorporated) for the considerations and upon the terms set forth in the said draft, and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he may think expedient.

I have to inform you that, in conformity with the above Special Resolutions and the Agreement to which it refers, "The New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited," has been incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances, Hongkong, with a Capital of \$150,000, divided into 50,000 Ordinary Shares of \$3 each, and that the Agreement (referred to in the second of such Resolutions) has been executed.

Your holding in "The Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited," being..... Ordinary Shares and..... Preference Shares you are under the Agreement entitled to, and I hereby offer you, in respect of the said Ordinary Shares, an allotment in "The New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited," of the same number of Ordinary Shares of \$3 each with \$2 credited as paid up on each, and in respect of each of the said Preference Shares an allotment in "The New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited," of two Ordinary Shares of \$3 each with \$2 credited as paid up on each.

In order to obtain an allotment of the shares to which you are entitled, or any smaller amount, you must fill up and sign the enclosed application letter and then forward the same, together with the certificates for the shares held by you in "The Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited," to me at my Office, No. 1, DUNDRELL STREET, Hongkong, on or before the 12th day of March, 1894, together with a payment of FIFTY CENTS per Share on the number of shares applied for.

If no application as above mentioned is received from you on or before the 12th day of March, 1894, or so far as any application may not extend, you will be deemed to have refused an allotment of Shares in "The New Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited," to which you are entitled under the said Special Resolutions and Agreement, and you will be excluded from an allotment accordingly. If any shares are unsold for by you, it will be my duty, under the said Agreement, to endeavour to sell them to such persons and for such price as I may think fit.

Forms of Application can be obtained at the Office of the Company, No. 1, DUNDRELL STREET, Hongkong.

**CARL GEORG,**  
Liquidator of  
"THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LD."  
Hongkong, 13th February, 1894. [239]

**THE PHARMACY,**  
45, QUEEN'S ROAD.

**MESSRS. FLETCHER & Co.** beg to inform the Residents of Hongkong and the Shipping Community, that they have now OPENED at the above address. The Store is managed by a thoroughly competent Chemist who takes every care that all DRUGS and CHEMICALS used in the compounding of prescriptions are PURE and FRESH.

Fletcher & Co. have on hand a good selection of Druggists' Sundries and Patent Medicines.

Telephone No. 74.

**FLETCHER & Co.,**  
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [28]

**D. R. KNORR'S LION BRAND ANTI-PYRINE.**

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

**IS the most approved and most efficacious remedy** in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and every other complaint. It is also the very best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty. Ask for "DR. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE." Each Tin bears the inventor's signature "DR. KNORR" in red letters.

**"DERMATOL"** is the best Vaseline. Its effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds, is described as amazing.

To be had at every reputable Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Import, Export, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for China.

Beware of spurious imitations.

**Hongkong, 1st April, 1894. [400]**

## Shipping.

**STEAMERS.**

**"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.**  
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG, VIA SINGAPORE.

**THE Steamship**

**"DENBIGHSHIRE."**  
Davies, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at NOON, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1894. [149]

**EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.**  
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

**THE Steamship**

**"MENMUIR."**  
Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at Daylight.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has large Cooling Chambers, thus ensuring a supply of Fresh Meat, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1894. [302]

**AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

**UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.**

**STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, TRIESTE, AND TRIESTE.**

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

**THE Company's Steamship**

**"MARQUIS BACQUEHEM."**  
Captain G. Wallisch, will be despatched above on SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at NOON.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
**SANDER & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 5th March, 1894. [215]

**"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.**

**THE Steamship**

**"ARGVILL."**  
Captain J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1894. [106]

**"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON.**

**THE Steamship**

**"SPONDILUS."**  
Captain N. Hocken, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 26th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
**SHEWAN & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1894. [274]

**Consignees.**

**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

**NOTICE.**

**CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship "BELGIC."**

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

**J. S. VAN BUREN,**  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1894. [8]

**"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.**

**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.**

**S. S. "BENALDER,"**  
FROM LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against this Steamer must be presented to the Undersecretary on or before the 7th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Free Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersecretary.

**OSCAR, LIVINGSTON & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1894. [100]



## Intimations.

## DR. FENWICK'S FOOD.

FOR  
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS  
ALSO FOR  
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

Is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time feed the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.  
In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1 to and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:  
**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,**  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

**CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.**

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.**

**師臣公司**  
**FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS.**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

ANALYSTS.

PERFUMERS.

PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS AND VENDORS.

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYMEN.

CIGAR DEALERS.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

AND  
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

香港大藥房

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.**

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.  
The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking Road, Shanghai.  
Botica Inglesa, 14, Escorial, Manila.  
The Canton Dispensary, Canton.  
The Dispensary, Fochow.  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.  
The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.  
London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1894.

**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1894.

## DEMOCRACY IN A CROWN COLONY.

THE meeting of the Sanitary Board last Thursday was too grotesque for any practical purpose; but the question on which it turned, namely the eternal struggle of democracy to overcome bureaucracy, is of the greatest importance to Hongkong, since it lies at the root of almost every grievance in local politics. Never an evil has there been to throw in the teeth of the Downing Street puppets who "govern" us, but it could be traced more or less directly—generally more—to the non-representative basis on which the Constitution of the Colony is framed. As long as this small community is kept in leading-strings of red tape, it will always kick, to the best of its small ability, against the system under which smuggering idiots are put to men's work without any chance of protest from the suffering taxpayers. So far, Mr. J. D. HUMPHREYS was quite right. "Gutter-sparrows," for the champion idiots of the Civil Service are usually of rather high birth, whereas the brightest talent comes offener from the opposite quarter. But apart from this and other inaccuracies of detail, Mr. HUMPHREYS was certainly quite right in stoutly upholding the principle of representation and denouncing the monstrosities of the present system. Mr. FRANCIS, unable to escape from his own training, quibbled tediously over the microscopic point that a representative constitution would be of no immediate use to the Board without some real powers; he forgot the great possibility of "paving a road to nowhere, and then creating something at the end of it." E tablah the principle, and then work it out practically in due course. Even granting that it might be of no immediate

use, what is wanted is not immediate or particular, but ultimate, general, and permanent reform.

Mr. HUMPHREYS announced his intention of following this line to the bitter end. We shall be most pleased to support him with all our might and main, if he means it seriously; but one can hardly tell, as he talked too much extraneous nonsense about the Hongkong Club, the *Clusia Mammoth*, the birth of a gentleman, and other subjects. But if he is in earnest, he has no need to float another newspaper to champion the cause—here is one that will fight, and has always fought, for rational reform in Crown Colony administration. What we say is that argument is useless with the authorities; they will never give an unofficial majority nor anything like a satisfactory representative constitution simply for the asking. Talk has been tried, for years past, and has had as much effect as splitting in the sea to make the tide rise. It is of little use starting associations, passing resolutions, sending petitions, and filling newspapers with heavy reading matter which is only too painfully serious and impotent. Words are of no use at all against the enemy, and only of use among the ratepayers when resolutely followed up by deeds. If every British ratepayer in the Colony would refuse to pay any taxes until the vote for the levy had the sanction of an unofficial majority, elected by the British ratepayers—then, perhaps, we could force the hand of the Government; for even Mr. MITCHELL-LINERS, when it came to wholesale distrains, would be able to guess there was something the matter. Nothing short of that will do any good. It is all very well for Messrs. HUMPHREYS, FRANCIS, WHITEHEAD, CHATER, and the rest to argue conclusively, to adduce irrefutable facts and indefeasible deductions, to pour out the stern denunciations of righteous wrath by the picul, to strive, ardently and honestly, to make the Government understand the advantages of abolishing itself in favour of a representative elected body; they may declaim till Doomsday, but they will not thereby gain a single point; they will always, as in the past, have "their labour for their pains." What they must do is to take action; to get as many as possible to back them up, in this backboneless community of time-serving toadies, and then put down their trump card—go on strike against the Government. Until they do something in that direction they may as well save their breath, and our news columns.

## TELEGRAMS.

## THE NEW MINISTRY.

LONDON, March 5th.  
The following appointments have been announced:  
The Earl of Rosebery (Premier), First Lord of the Treasury and Lord President of the Council.  
Lord Kimberley, Chief Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.  
Mr. John Morley, at present Chief Secretary for Ireland, having declined the position of Secretary of State for India, it has been offered to Mr. H. H. Fowler, President of the Local Government Board.

## END OF THE SESSION.

The closing speech of the session was of the briefest. Reference was made to the advantages likely to result from the passing of the *Parish Councils*, and the *Eight Hours Labour Bill*, but no allusion was made to the Government's foreign policy.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ILLUSTRATED with cuts—your barber's conversations.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Aden* left Singapore for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver for this port on Monday afternoon.

MRS. BISHOP, better known as Isabella Bird, who is now in Japan, is said to be mapping out a programme for the invasion of Korea.

Miss Tourist—That's rather a gloomy future you paint for me!

Chinese Fortune-teller—How much do you want for ten cents?

THE latest American wedding card read, "No cake, no presents, no wedding trip, no honeymoon, no divorce." Stipulations do not extend further.

CATIN CRITIC "what is there about that girl to make you love her?" She can remember the gait of a horse and how much he carries through 3 race meetings."

THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Peru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 17th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port at noon to-morrow.

No. 1 Sportsman—Well, how about you and Mr. Racer, are you still at loggerheads about that horse, or have you "buried the hatchet?"

No. 2 Sportsman—No, buried the horse!

MR. D. W. GILKOUR, for many years accountant in the local branch of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China left Singapore the other day to take charge of the Bangkok Branch.

THERE is a good story going the rounds about a Hongkong hostess, who wanted to be rid of an uncomfortable guest. She told him one morning, not long since, "to eat a good breakfast, as 'he was no knowing where he might get 'tiffa.'"

ADMIRAL Fremantle accompanied by the *Stear* Governor was to have left Singapore for Penang in the yacht *Sa Belle* on the 28th ult.—the *Admiral* and *Stear* being in attendance. It is said that Lady Fremantle returns home via India after visiting Penang.

RECENTLY, in cleaning the statue of the Goddess of Liberty, which is placed on the highest pinnacle of the Texas State Capitol, it was discovered that a swarm of bees had made their home in the hollow head of the goddess, using the nostrils as an entrance, and had filled it half full of honey.

"MOTHER," said a little girl, looking up from her book, "what does transatlantic mean?"  
"Oh, across the Atlantic, of course, D. W. H. mother me."  
"Does transatlantic mean across?"  
"I suppose it does. If you don't stop bothering me with your questions you'll go to bed!"  
"Then does transatlantic mean a cross parent?"  
"Minutes later she was reading in her little book

It is said that Lord Dunsen intends to add at least one thousand square feet to the *Valleyrie* stretch of canvas before opening the yachting season. It will be remembered that the *Valleyrie* designer acknowledged after the America Cup contest that the boat could well have borne that much canvas. Undoubtedly the feeling reveals that some of the best qualities of the *Valleyrie* went for nothing in the States last fall.

Up to a late hour this afternoon not one of the "red coats" alleged to have been implicated in the latest Kowloon shooting affray on Sunday last, as reported in our Monday's issue, had been handed over to the police, but it is whispered in some quarters that the three gallant marksmen who "let it off" in the ineffective Chinese on the Kowloon Range are being "shadowed" while conclusive evidence of their guilt is being prepared.

THE Rome correspondent of an American paper writes that the last payment of coupons of the Italian debt show only 3,000,000 out of the total of 25,000,000 5 per cent. bonds held in Italy. Almost all of the 200,000,000 lire of three per cent. debt is held at home. While the situation in Italy and Sicily is quiet for the moment, the crisis is by no means past, and all Europe is awaiting developments with grave apprehensions.

A MEETING of citizens and representative men from all the towns in the south of Ireland is soon to be held in Cork to urge the British Government to maintain the Queenstown mail route to and from America. The Cork Corporation is informed that the Postmaster-General is strongly in favour of the Southampton route, but it thinks the Nationalist members will be able to exert sufficient pressure on the Government to prevent a change. This latter point injects a new element into the European mail question.

A RECENT despatch from London states that the publication of the Government Board of Trade returns for 1893 has produced a profound impression throughout the country, and has deepened the gloom caused by the present commercial depression. The total imports last year were £405,069,590, compared with £423,763,882 in 1892 and £435,441,641 in 1891. The value of British exports in 1893 was £318,496,246 compared with 277,077,033 in 1892 and £247,235,150 in 1891, an apparent balance against the country of £17,572,853 in 1893, equal to £18,409,321 in 1891.

THE Rev. Dr. Talmage has girded up his loins for a pilgrimage round the world with a view of studying the various religions. The effort may bring forth some good results but those who have followed the preacher's career will, in the opinion of the *Free Press Chronicle*, have many doubts. Talmage has never shown any of the tastes of the scholar. What he could gather easily he has developed in a dramatic, sensational way. His "Life of Christ" was a last specimen of his literary work. It was cheap and vulgar. He is too old to begin over again, so that if he writes a book about his travels we may expect it to be superficial and melodramatic.

At an afternoon tea, a few days ago, the subject of delicious eatables arose and among other articles discussed was that of Scotch shortbread, really the most palatable of all the dainties of its kind. Here is an excellent receipt given by one of the ladies present:—To the fourth of a peck of flour take six ounces of sifted sugar, and of candied citron, orange-peel, and blanched almonds two ounces each. Cut these in rather large slices, and mix them with the flour. Rub down among the flour a pound of butter in very small bits, melt a half-pound more, and with this work up the flour, etc. The less kneading it gets the more "short" and crisp the cakes will be. Roll out the paste into a large, well-shaped oval cake, about an inch and a half thick, and divide this the narrow way, so as to have two cakes somewhat the shape of a Gothic arch. Plunge the cakes neatly at the edges, and dab them on the top with the instrument used for the purpose, or with a fork. Straw caraway combs over the top, and a few strips of citron-peel. Bake on paper rubbed with flour. The cakes may be squares or oblong figures. Planter short-bread may be made by using less butter and no candied peel. The whole of the butter may be melted, which makes the process easier. Chopped almonds are used in large quantities for very rich shortbread. The Chinese cooks are very good at this sort of cooking when well instructed.

## SUPREME COURT.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir Fielding Clark, Chief Justice.)

March 7th.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY v. DODWELL, CARILLI & CO.

The writ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. against Dodwell, Carilli & Co., for £1,000 detained by defendants as fees due from plaintiffs was now called on for judgment. Mr. J. Leach, Q.C., instructed by Mr. V. H. Deane, was for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. H. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master was for the defendants.

The special jury was composed, as before, of Messrs. R. M. Moses, W. H. Loxley, H. H. Joseph, W. H. Ray, M. A. C. Grote, R. M. Gray and H. Layton.

Mr. Francis:—I am glad to be able to announce to your lordship that my friend and myself have come to an arrangement to settle this case, and so we have not troubled your lordship and the jury further. The only matter in dispute is the particulars of the fee which will be paid by the defendants.

His lordship:—I am very glad, I am sure, that you have come to an amicable settlement, and I do not suppose you are sorry either.

[We are informed that the basis on which the case has been settled is that the defendants pay \$5,000, which is the present rate of exchange is about half the amount in dispute, and that both sides pay their own costs.]

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon. Present:—Mr. G. T. M. O'Brien (Colonial Secretary); Mr. W. M. Gooden (Attorney General); Mr. J. H. Stewart (Registrar General); Mr. R. M. Rumsay (Harbour Master); Messrs. C. P. Chater, T. P. Whitehead, J. J. Kewick, R. R. Bellion, and Ho Kai, unofficial members.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee, and the annual report of the Widows and Orphans Fund Committee, (viz. the Queen's College, Police Force, Superior and Subordinate, Civil, and Sanitary Services, and setting Registrar General, all for 1893).

CIVIL SERVICE BOARDING UP AN ENCLOSURE. The Colonial Secretary laid on the table a despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in reference to a conditional offer of an allowance (not to rank for pension) to members of the Civil Service of Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary gave notice to move at the next meeting—"That it is desirable to give effect to the suggestion of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that, in view of the fall in exchange, those of the Civil Servants who are domiciled in the United Kingdom or other countries having a gold currency, and who are willing to draw their salaries when on leave at the rate of three shillings to the dollar, should be granted such a non-pensionable allowance as will make the half of their salaries while on active service equivalent to the half of their present salaries calculated at the rate of 3s. to the dollar."

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NEW DRAINAGE—SEPARATE SYSTEM. Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—Will the Government furnish the Council with a return showing:—

- (1) The extent to which the new drainage scheme on the separate system as designed by Mr. Osbert Chadwick, C.M.G., has been carried out.
- (2) The departures, if any, from Mr. Chadwick's designs.
- (3) The total amount of money expended on the new scheme up to 31st December, 1893.
- (4) The quantity of work remaining to be done.
- (5) The estimated cost of completing the same.
- (6) The cost of the deep sewer, commencing at the Murray Barracks nullah, running down to the Victoria Street, and along the Praya to its outlet above the Ferryway, and
- (7) What amount of the cost of the deep sewer (running through and draining property, nearly one half of which belongs to the Imperial Government) has been paid or will be refunded by the Military Authorities.

And further, will the Government state whether in the opinion of the responsible authorities the separate system has worked satisfactorily up to date, and if not, what are the reasons for its failure, and the remedial measures, if any, which it is proposed to adopt.

## HONGKONG POST OFFICE.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—Will the Government lay upon the table a statement showing the gross income, and the gross expenditure of the Post Office for the years 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, separately, and any liability still outstanding connected with those years, also separately.

POST OFFICE, TREASURY, COURT HOUSE, LAND OFFICE, &c.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—Will the Government procure and lay upon the table an estimate of what money these premises would probably realise if put up for auction, and what would be the probable cost of erecting a suitable Post Office, and Court House including a Land Office, &c., on Government Ground on the new Praya Reclamation.

## OPIUM ORDINANCES.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the petition, dated 12th December, 1893, to the Right Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, from the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, and the China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., and the China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., praying for Government assistance in their efforts to suppress smuggling on board the steamships by causing such amendments to be made in the Hongkong law as may be thought necessary and effectual, &c., &c., and a copy of any reply which may have been received thereon.

## CROWN AGENTS.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—In view of the fact that Indian Colonies, including British Honduras and British Guiana, having recently passed resolutions through which Legislatures condemn the Crown Agency system as an expensive and wasteful medium for the transaction of their business, and as a like feeling obtains amongst a large number of ratepayers in this Colony, will the Government lay upon the table at the earliest possible date, a copy of the Parliamentary Paper C. 3075 of 1891, which is said to contain full information as to the arrangements existing between the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents.

## FINANCE.

Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—Will the Government lay upon the table a copy of the despatch, No. 204 of 22nd December, 1893, from the Right Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in connection with my memorial, dated 27th June, 1893, praying his lordship to return Ordinance No. 10 of 1883 to Hongkong for amendment in the directions indicated therein; and to recommend to the Colonial Government, either to remove the Registrar-General from the governing body of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or to invest him with powers adequate to his duties and responsibilities to the women and girls under his care, under Ordinance No. 11 of 1890.

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Mr. Whitehead gave notice to ask:—Will the Government inform the Council:—

- (1) What moneys were expended by the Crown Agents in England, on account of the Colony, during 1893?
- (2) How much of these were defrayed out of the proceeds of the Colony's recent Gold Loan?
- (3) What amount, if any, of our revenue during 1893 has been remitted to me, drawn for by the Crown Agents, from the Colony to defray their expenses, and the rates of exchange, if any?
- (4) Have any moneys derived either from revenue in 1893, or from Supreme Court, or Reclamation Deposits, been remitted to England, or withdrawn from the Colony during the past nine months for any purpose other than to defray necessary expenditure in England on account of the Colony?
- (5) If so, what amount, from what funds derived, at what rates of exchange remitted, how employed in England, and at what rates of interest, and under what authority have such remittances been made, and for what reasons?
- (6) What amount of the Colonial Government's funds now remain in England, how much thereof is derived from deposits, and how much from the proceeds of the recent Gold Loan?

## THE GOLD LOAN AND THE FALL IN SILVER.

Mr. Chater, in accordance with a notice asked whether any portion of the money raised by the Crown Agents on the 1893 gold loan had been either remitted to Hongkong or drawn for by the Government or Agents, and if so, at what rate of exchange; as at the Council meeting of August 29th, the Colonial Secretary, in answer to questions, had stated that at that date none of the money had been either remitted or drawn for.

The Colonial Secretary:—The answer to this question is that none of the money has yet been either remitted or drawn for. (Applause.)

THE MILITARY EXTORTION AND THE DOLLAR. Mr. Chater asked, in accordance with notice, referring to the Colonial Secretary's statement at the Council meeting of December 12th, last, that the Governor had addressed a strong recommendation to the Secretary of State, with a view to the reduction of the military contribution, whether any answer had been received, and if whether it would be laid on the table.

The Colonial Secretary:—No answer to the Governor's dispatch to the Secretary of State has been received.

will now be again drawn to the matter, and the opportunity will be taken to point out to him that the argument in favour of the reduction of the military contribution has been materially strengthened by the heavy fall in exchange which has occurred since the date on which that dispatch was written. (Applause.)

Mr. Chater:—The Colonial Secretary further said that he would place before the Governor, with a view of communicating to the Secretary of State, the recommendation from the Unofficial Members of the military contribution should be fixed in dollars at the rate prevailing when the contribution was first raised to £40,000. Has anything been done to give effect to that recommendation?

The Colonial Secretary:—In reply to that question I may say that on the 21st December last the Governor in a dispatch to the Secretary of State recommended that the military contribution should be fixed in dollars at the rate prevailing when the contribution was first raised to £40,000. Has anything been done to give effect to that recommendation?

Mr. Whitehead:—Sir, if I am in order in referring now to the motion of which the Colonial Secretary has just given notice, I would suggest that perhaps the Government would cause a statement to be made out, showing what extra expenditure will be incurred by paying half the salaries of officials domiciled in Europe at three shillings to the dollar. It would perhaps assist us, and enlighten us.

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The Governor:—It is in course of preparation.

THE POLY-UNG-KUK. On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Poly-ung Kuk Amendment Bill was read a first time. The amendment proposed is in accordance with the instructions sent by the Secretary of State as a result of Mr. Whitehead's memorial.

Mr. Whitehead:—Sir, I beg to give notice that on the second reading of this Bill I shall move that section 18 be amended to read as follows:—

"All buildings and premises of the society shall be open at all reasonable times to the inspection of the Governor, or the Captain Superintendent of Police, or of any two Unofficial Justices of the Peace who shall be appointed by the Governor to be visitors, or any other persons whom his Excellency may appoint or authorize in writing in that behalf."

HONGKONG JURIS. On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Jury Consolidation Bill was read a first time.

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the Summary Court Amendment Bill (allied to the last name) was read a first time.

THE MIKADO'S SILVER WEDDING. The Governor:—Gentlemen, that ends the business on the agenda paper to-day, but there is a matter on which I should like to ask your opinion and advice—I think one could hardly call it an exchange of international courtesies, but it is paying deference to an Eastern potentate who has made great progress in Western civilisation. You will know that, according to the Japanese, on the 7th March the Emperor and Empress of Japan celebrate their silver wedding. I believe this is the first occasion on which a silver wedding has ever been held in an Eastern country, or rather by an Eastern potentate. The Emperor of Japan has ruled well and constitutionally for the last twenty-five years, and has extended great hospitality and civility to Europeans travelling through his Kingdom. Japan, generally speaking, has been thoroughly Europeanized, in social and domestic matters particularly, for the present educational system of Japan is founded on the best systems of Western countries; and not only that, but it is tolerant in religious matters—Buddhism has been disestablished, and great respect is shown for European beliefs, and Japan already, and it is likely to be extended in future rather than diminished, I imagine, owing to the large number of steamships which the Japanese are putting out to run between India, Hongkong and Japan, and elsewhere. I wish to know whether you are desirous of regarding this interesting domestic event. Mr. Chater with his usual kindness has spoken to me on the subject, and he informs me that they are quite willing that some message of congratulation should be sent to Japan, through the British Minister there, and I wish to know not only whether members are willing, but whether they actually desire and think it proper that it should be sent; and if the S. M. Unofficial Member can assure me on that point I will move a resolution for that purpose.

Mr. Chater:—I can assure you that it is the feeling of the Unofficial Members, and therefore I will be very pleased to second the motion.

The Governor:—Then I propose to send a telegram in these words:—

"To her Majesty's Minister at Tokyo:—We, the Governor and Legislative Council of Hongkong on our own behalf and on behalf of the community generally, say our Excellency to convey to their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan our respectful congratulations on the celebration of their Majesty's silver wedding. We trust that his Majesty and his Imperial consort may long be spared to direct the destinies of their beautiful and flourishing Kingdom to the reign for many many years over its industrious and progressive people."

Mr. Chater seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT. The Governor:—Gentlemen, I propose to adjourn the Council until to-morrow week, at three o'clock.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the Company's hotel at noon on Thursday, the 15th March:—

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association, the Directors have now to submit to you their half-yearly report for the six months ending 31st December, 1893.

ACCOUNTS. The profit and loss account of the Company, the Directors regret to say, is a balance at debit of \$10,379.17, which is chiefly due to interest for the half-year being debited to this account during the period when the earnings are small as compared with the first six months of the year.

The profit on the working of the Hotel has been \$23,315.16 as compared with \$3,184.09 for the same time last year; the falling-off being accounted for by slackness of business combined with the heavy increase (about 73 per cent.) in the cost of liquor and other European articles owing to falling exchange, without a corresponding increase in the Hotel's selling prices.

BUSINESS. Business at the present time is fairly good, and will probably continue so until the end of May. During the summer months the Directors hope, by closing up the unused part of the building, to effect a considerable reduction in expenses.

DI RECTORS. Messrs. E. J. de H. Hughes and James H. C. Bates, by rotation, but otherwise unopposed, have been elected. The Directors have invited Messrs.

Edward Osborne and Ho Tung to seats on the Board, which appointments require confirmation by the shareholders.

AUDIT. The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and W. H. Gaskell, who offer themselves for re-election.

Hongkong, 3rd March 1894.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1893.

Hotel Property:—On Marine Lot No. 5 and on the remaining portion of Marine Lot No. 2, 1843, \$51,701.00. Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 2, 1843, \$51,701.00. Lot No. 7, super lot Report \$16,514.14. Share, paid up, \$16,514.14. Electric Bells, &c., 2,801.55. Praya Reclamation and Interest, 4,974.77. \$83,232.50.

Furniture Account, as per last Report, \$14,310.73. Stock added—Sundry Furniture, 1,241.16. Over from Recluse and paid for Sundries, for New Wing, &c., 5,300.86. \$21,852.75.



Miss Leigh has probably never been in the United States; if she has, she omitted to catch hold of the well-known and somewhat peculiar, but nevertheless "English" accent of the real, living American actress who is such a prominent feature in London town—and so, she was far more of an Englishwoman than one of our attractive cousins from the other side. We shall doubtless soon have an opportunity of gauging this lady's talents in a character outside the region of eccentric comedy. The *Lady Jones* of Mr. J. F. Brian was exactly what might have been looked for from such an experienced and accomplished actress. It was an admirable conception from beginning to end and most skilfully carried out. Miss M. Gregor, looking her very best, made a most interesting *Lucy Greville*, and although described on the programme as the English *protégée* of *Lady Jones*, we are not inclined to find fault with a French accent with musical charms which quite disarms captious criticism. In the smaller parts of ladies' parts, Miss Frances Triggs and Miss G. Tassell, did everything possible under the circumstances, and in the amusing scene in the final act rendered most valuable service. It was an unadulterated pleasure to see that genuine comedian of the old and useful school, Mr. Henry Kite, in a class of character which in the East (since John J. Kane) he has made peculiarly his own. Mr. Kite is always good, and if the second-class cast, *Handy Hakes* did not afford him many opportunities of scoring, he certainly availed himself of everything available. Mr. Thomas Verner has in the past done useful work for the "Lyrics" in this colony, but we question if he ever did anything so good as the "Lodge of the Divorce Court." Exception to his "make up" might perhaps fairly be taken—he scarcely looked like any one of the antiquated rosters were member who settled matrimonial differences in the only London court where Hyman's evidence is without influence—but the character sketch was almost true to life and reflected credit on its author. Mr. J. H. Hardi has been advertised as the "tar of the Lyric constellation." He may be so, but as an honest and impartial critic, we must frankly confess that we have yet to find it out. A good appearance and stage presence, a fine voice, that is better cultured, would be more effective, and a *gambler* that in a *jeune première* with a London reputation is more than surprising—these were the leading features of this gentleman's *Capt. Brampton* of the Guards. We have no desire to be either unduly critical, harsh, or unfair in chronicle our opinions of professional ability, and in the case of a debutant (in this colony) like Mr. Harding, we would desire to be as kindly considerate as our obligations to the public admitted; but there never was a Captain of the Guards who walked and talked as the representative of *Sir Erasmus Brampton* did last night. At the end of the second act Mr. Harding's tolling *finale*, if a trifle overdone, was really excellent, and thoroughly merited the applause with which a Hongkong audience always greets artistic efforts. That tried and true veteran, Mr. J. H. Nann, represented such a life-like *General Kenneth Plaster*, played the character as he alone in the East can play such recent-life parts, that we can only congratulate this sound actor on having retained all the abilities which gave him a name honored in the highest professional circles more than twenty years ago. Mr. J. H. Nann, who appeared in the colorful part of *Archibald Chisler*, shapes like a clever juvenile, but we prefer to see him in something where dramatic art is an essential before making an attempt at criticism. These brainless diacompops in modern faces must be quite as big a nuisance to the conventional actor as they are to the impartial critic. Mr. J. F. Miller is a ways at home on the stage and even in subordinate parts takes pains and displays an intelligence that might with advantage be copied by actors with very much higher aspirations. As customary, we have left the most effective, and already established member of the cast to the last—Mr. D. C. Smith, who fretted his weary twenty minutes as *Miller*, servant to the divorce expert. Anything better or more artistic, in his way, has seldom been presented on any stage.

The variety show (not by any means a pleasing term) which nightly follows the *piece de resistance* in its turn an evening's enjoyable entertainment. Miss Frances Triggs, a deservedly popular member of the Willard Operatic and Comedy Company in this colony some years ago, is quite a revelation in her last dance, quite a novelty in Hongkong, which has already established the young lady in public favor. Mr. D. C. Smith in his extraordinarily funny parody on "The Weaving of the Green"—something about the up-to-date fashion in which a new Irish Parliament had been or was to be fixed up—amplified brought down the house, and the Mammoth Comique responded with a new and original love ditty, the title of which we disremember. When Miss Marie Brian showed the Hongkong play-going public what art and taste could be introduced into "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay," the habited of the stalls and dress circles thought the acme of perfection had been reached, but last night's performance by this talented young artist told quite a different tale. Miss Marie sang an old-fashioned Greek song last night, and danced (as she alone can dance) with such effect that it was with difficulty the audience could be induced to recognize the rather important fact that lady dancers are not yet propelled by steam or electricity. One of the best shows ever presented to a Hongkong audience terminated with a most picturesque Spanish dance in which Miss Frances Triggs and Miss Gladys Tassell divided honors, which were most cheerfully accorded by a delighted audience.

The musical arrangements, under the able leadership of the Company's musical conductor, Mr. F. Vallance, and Mr. Murphy, bandmaster of the "Shropshire" were perfect in every way, and absolutely left nothing to be desired. To-night the "Lyrics" will appear in Carton's brilliant comedy "Liberty Hall."

## SUB ROSA.

The late Earl of Lytton, known in the world of letters as "Owen Meredith" left to fame besides a host of novels and books of poetry some really beautiful and practical daughter, Lady Betty, who was said to be her father's favorite, is the wife of Gerald Balfour, Arthur Balfour's brother, and Lady Constance has blossomed into a newspaper reporter. London Society was quite shocked to learn, after Earl's death, that the family was impoverished, and is just now terribly disturbed because the Lytton girls side about in omnibuses, make over their old clothes and pay their debts. If the Lytton girls could only get back as an income some of the thousands their late father spent on Dame Grundy's followers, they might be more comfortable, but after all it is a fair inheritance to be the daughters of such a father!

One young nation, who has just set England afire with curiosity is Lady Mabel Serier, who has loved some one else beside her husband, and who goes about the celebrated Edward (Charles her son) for past and gone love letters. Lady Mabel is described as "a golden-haired angel with the form of a Juno and the will of a Devil." Let us hope, that when she does not win her case, her husband will not suffer from Samsonian complaints.

## STRANDING OF A "BLUE FUNNEL" STEAMER.

The Ocean Company's steamer *Tantulus*, Capt. Jones, got aground this morning on the "Nine Pins," on her voyage from Shanghai to Hongkong. The news was brought in by the second officer, in one of the ship's boats, and he at once went back in the Dock Company's tug *Pilot Fish* with Mr. W. Ramsay, marine superintendent of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, who are the local agents for the Ocean Co.

The *Tantulus* is quite a new steamer built on the very latest and lightest model adopted by the Ocean Co. for their cargo boats—no doubt the very height of utility and economy. Her net tonnage is given as 2,200, but her carrying capacity is over 4,000 tons. She first appeared in Hongkong on the 22nd January last, and went up to Shanghai a few days later. She left Shanghai again on the 1st March for Hongkong and home, via Foochow, Amoy and Swatow; and from what we have been able to gather she took on board some 1,000 Chinese coolies as deck passengers at the last named port. Leaving Swatow yesterday, she should have been in Hongkong to-day; but shortly before daylight, in a thick fog, she was carried ashore by the current and struck the Nine Pins, about 18 miles north of Hongkong. The current at times sets inward very strongly there, and although her compass course might be perfectly correct the "set" of the tide would imperceptibly take her broadside on to the coast.

As soon as it was found that she was hard and fast, the second officer was sent in to Hongkong for assistance; and, as above mentioned, Mr. Ramsay left about 1 p.m. in the Dock tug *Pilot Fish* (Capt. Stoppani) to examine and, if possible, to tow the steamer off.

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